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Update of the Communications Uses Program, Cost Recovery Fee Schedules and Section 512 of FLPMA for Rights-of-Way: Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 7, 2022, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the *Federal Register* a proposed rule to enhance the communications uses program, update its cost recovery fee schedules, and add provisions governing the development and approval of operations, maintenance, and fire prevention plans and agreements for rights-of-way (ROW) for electric transmission and distribution facilities (powerlines). The BLM has determined that it is appropriate to reopen the docket until January 23, 2023, to allow for additional public comment.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule originally published on November 7, 2022, at 87 FR 67306, is reopened. Comments must be submitted on or before January 23, 2023. The BLM need not consider, or include in the administrative record for the final rule, comments that the BLM receives after the close of the comment period or comments delivered to an address other than those listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

ADDRESSES: *Mail, personal, or messenger delivery:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (HQ-630), Bureau of Land Management, Room 5646, 1849 C St. NW, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Regulatory Affairs: 1004-AE60.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Searchbox, enter “RIN 1004–AE60” and click the “Search” button. Follow the instructions at this website.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erica Pionke, Realty Specialist, via email at epionke@blm.gov or via phone at (202) 570–2624 for information on the rule; or Jennifer Noe, Regulatory Analyst, via email at jnoe@blm.gov for information related to the general rulemaking process. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-ofcontact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

If you wish to comment on this proposed rule, you may submit your comments to the BLM, marked with the number RIN 1004–AE60, by mail, personal or messenger delivery, or through <https://www.regulations.gov> (see the **ADDRESSES** section). Please note that comments on this proposed rule’s information collection burdens should be submitted to the OMB as described in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Please make your comments on the proposed rule as specific as possible, confine them to issues pertinent to the proposed rule, and explain the reason for any changes you recommend. Where possible, your comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal that you are addressing. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are:

1. Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and
2. Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

The BLM is not obligated to consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments that we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**)

or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed under “**ADDRESSES: Mail, personal, or messenger delivery**” during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Background

The proposed rule was published on November 7, 2022 (87 FR 67306), with a 60-day comment period closing on January 6, 2023. Since publication, the BLM has received a request for extension of the comment period on the proposed rule. The BLM has determined that it is appropriate to reopen the docket until January 23, 2023, to allow for additional public comment.

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